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Third Annual Kentucky Archives Week Observed, October 10-16, 2004

[CITY OR TOWN (in capital letters)], Ky. ([date], 2004) -- Kentuckians throughout the Commonwealth will celebrate their rich archival heritage during the third annual Kentucky Archives Week, October 10-16, 2004. There are almost 300 archival and manuscript repositories in Kentucky that hold archival records that document Kentucky history and life, such as papers, photographs, diaries, letters, and government records such as deeds and wills. Many of these institutions are hosting open houses, exhibits, special programs and speakers to highlight historical materials available for research in Kentucky archival and manuscript repositories.

Among the highlights of the week will be presentations of the 2004 Kentucky Archives Week Award Certificates in the following categories: Writing based on research in records in Kentucky archival repositories; teaching by using Kentucky archival resources in the classroom; service to, and advocacy of, archives in Kentucky by a private citizen or organization; and service to, and advocacy of, archives in Kentucky by a public official. When warranted, the Thomas D. Clark Kentucky Archives Week Award is also presented. The Clark award, named for its first recipient, Kentucky Historian Laureate and archival advocate Dr. Thomas D. Clark, is occasionally presented to a notable individual who has provided long-term and extraordinary service to Kentucky archival institutions.

In honor of Kentucky Archives Week, [name of your institution or organization] will host the following events: (For ideas on events, see the Kentucky Archives Week website).

Kentucky Archives Week is sponsored by the Kentucky State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Kentucky Council on Archives, and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. For a complete listing of events, see <http://archivesweek.ky.gov/> or call 502.564.8300 x. 249.